

MINORS' DEMANDS CAUSING MAJORS TO TAKE NOTICE

War Talk Decried, But
Changes Must
Come.

By SAM CRANE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Representatives of thirty baseball leagues, comprising 150 clubs that have under reserve and control nearly 3,100 players, met at the Fifth Avenue Hotel today to legislate on questions of very great importance to minor league baseball and it is not improbable that matters of the greatest import to the big National and American leagues and organized baseball may also come up for consideration and decisive action.

While there appears to be a disposition among the delegates to pooh-pooh at the war talk and scare started by Mike Cantillon, of the American Association, still, the action of the Eastern League at its meeting in appointing a "war committee" or consultation board to act with President Powers, "in case the necessity arises" is significant, inasmuch as it shows that the powerful Eastern League, while it may not take any stock in the prospects of war, as P. T. Powers tried to impress on his hearers, is going to be prepared for any sudden developments.

A. A. Demands Concessions.

The American Association delegates on hand are full of fight and say they will demand more and bigger concessions than they are now accorded under Class A protection. Whether this will take the form of major league protection exclusively for their own organization is not known, but it is rumored that the rebel league has already perfected arrangements to locate a club in Chicago, and if that is so and not another Cantillon-Powers bluff, there are liable to be hot times at the session of the National Association of Professional Leagues. The Eastern League will act for a higher class protection than it now enjoys under Class A, and will make the stiffest kind of fight for it. There are three other leagues now in class A besides the Eastern and the American associations. They are the Western League, Southern League, and Pacific Coast League, and they are not going to see their prestige as leaders of minors go glimmering.

Where Injustice Comes In.

The entire National Association, without regard to the class of protection they are under, will be a unit in demanding further concessions from the two big leagues on the League question. As the case stands now, the National and American leagues can draft one player from each of the class A clubs, and all of the players they desire from classes B, C and D. This, of course, works great injustice to the lower classes.

There are several big league clubs who have on their reserve lists anywhere from thirty-five to seventy players, and of course, it is out of the question for any club to use any such number of players. That is unjust to the players as well as the smaller clubs, who are unable to secure players until the dumping process is begun.

What Association Wants.

The National Association will, therefore, advocate the promulgation of a rule that will prevent the big league clubs from carrying on their reserve lists more than twenty-five or thirty players, or some stated number. This seems a perfectly fair rule, and doubtless the major league clubs will welcome such an innovation, which will enable them to reduce expenses.

RUMORED SECESSION OF MINOR LEAGUE IS STILL CURRENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The advance guard of baseball magnates, legislators, and club owners to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Minor Leagues arrived yesterday, and the jollies of the Fifth Avenue and Victoria Hotels are thronged with men well known in the baseball world. The meetings of the Minor League Association begin today.

Rumors of a revolt against certain conditions by disgruntled club owners of the American Association were current, but nothing sensational came to light.

The National Association is a much more important organization than followers of the minor leagues in the large cities imagine. Six years ago the organization sprang into existence in Chicago with a handful of clubs and no standing among the big league cities.

Twenty-nine Leagues.
Today the association is composed of twenty-nine fully organized leagues, with 158 clubs and 4,200 players under control at a salary of about \$500,000 a season, as the players' salaries range from \$50 per month to \$500. For an average of five months in the year at least ninety games of ball take place daily to an all-around annual attendance of over 10,000,000 people.

The meeting promises to be an important one.

RAYMOND HITCHCOCK HELD; PARENTS OF A YOUNG GIRL CHARGE HER DOWNFALL



RAYMOND HITCHCOCK

Actor Placed Under
\$3,000 Bond Pending
Further Investigation.

Other Children Will
Tell of Actions With
Them.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, playing in "A Yankee Tourist," at the Astor Theater, was arrested yesterday on complaint of Agent Vincent Pissara, of the Children's Society, charged with causing the ruin of Helen Van Hagen, a fifteen-year-old girl, residing with respectable parents at 200 East Twenty-seventh street. The arrest was made in the district attorney's office by Agents Moore and Pissara, of the Children's Society, who have been engaged for several months past in obtaining evidence against the actor. Hitchcock had been summoned to the district attorney's office by Assistant District Attorney Frank Garvan, and was accompanied by his counsel, Herman Fromme, and "Barney" Connelly, a retired policeman.

Hitchcock was taken to the Tombs police court and there arranged before Magistrate Walsh. In arguing the question of bail, Mr. Garvan told the court that there were several girl complainants against Hitchcock in addition to Helen Van Hagen, and that all of them would be sent before the grand jury to testify. Three of his alleged victims

portant one because on the result of its deliberations will depend the ability of more than one major league club to control its players, as the American Association, which has a flourishing circuit of eight clubs in Columbus, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Toledo, Louisville, Kansas City, St. Paul, and Indianapolis, threatens to secede and become an independent organization.

May Withdraw.
Whether there will be war or not will largely depend on the attitude of the minor leagues. If they refuse to grant the demands of the American Association, it is more than probable that the association delegates will withdraw from the meeting. While this may be taken as a declaration of war by the minors, the association magnates claim that there will be no war, and that if they would their withdrawal will be made peacefully.

The association will not become an outlaw league, but an independent organization. All contracts will be observed, but there will be no strings to hold the league in check, as there are under the national agreement.

It will be perfectly free to buy players from minor leagues; none of its men can be drafted by the majors, and if the magnates desire to enter Chicago they will not have to ask the permission of the majors.

Attorney Henry E. Davis, representing Edward C. Bryan and Eugene Davis, the two indicted officials of the Capzaya Mining Company, said this morning that his clients had no objection to the court's order granting the Stockholders' Protective Association permission to examine the stock list of the company, but would fight any attempted confiscation of their stock.

Mr. Davis explained that the plan of reorganization as announced by the Protective Association was all right, in so far as it did not disregard the rights of his clients who are also large stockholders. Mr. Davis said the matter would probably have to be adjusted by the courts, as there were two factions now at work in the affairs of the company.

John B. Laskey, appointed temporary receiver by the court, is still in charge of the offices of the company, and will have his report of the company's condition ready within a few days.



RAYMOND HITCHCOCK
BEING ARRAIGNED
IN COURT

times, ranging in age from twelve to fifteen years, were in the building at the time in the custody of the Children's Society agents.

Bail of \$3,000 Furnished.

Hitchcock, pale and nervous, was given a seat within the railed inclosure of the court room after the arraignment until the matter of bail was arranged. Magistrate Walsh fixed bail at \$3,000. Lawyer Fromme offered Hollis E. Cooley, manager for Henry W. Savage, as bondsman, and after a conference with Assistant District Attorney Karl Miner, chief of the bad department, he was accepted. Thursday at 3 p. m. was fixed as the time for Hitchcock's examination, but all the facts will be submitted to the grand jury in the meantime, which will take the case from the magistrate's jurisdiction.

Lawyer Fromme told the reporters that the case against his client had been threshed over in the district attorney's office months ago and that there was nothing to incriminate his client. The fact is that the district attorney has obtained substantial corroboration of the stories told by the little girls within the past few days. An important witness was Mrs. Carmetto, who conducts the "House With Stained Glass Panels" in Forty-first street, which is mentioned by the girls as one of the places to

which Hitchcock took them. Another witness summoned by Mr. Garvan was Hitchcock's valet, Herman, who plays a minor part in "A Yankee Tourist."

Sang in Choir.

Hitchcock gave his age in court yesterday as thirty-seven years. He started out in life as a clerk and a singer in a church choir. When he went on the stage his rise was rapid, and today he is one of the best-paid comedians in the profession. He was divorced by his first wife on April 9, 1904. It was alleged that he committed acts of infidelity in May, 1903, and at various other times with two young women mentioned in the testimony only as "Olive" and "Elsie." The actor was married May 5, 1905, in the Planters Hotel, St. Louis, to Flora Zabelle, the actress, who is now playing with him at the Astor Theater.

FIND NO TRACE OF THIEF; STOLE \$14,000 IN BONDS

The Washington police have been unable to find a trace here of the individual who, it is alleged, stole a small satchel, containing \$14,000 in bonds and stock certificates from the Pullman sleeper, "Essex," which left here for New York via the Pennsylvania railroad at 5:35 yesterday afternoon.

NO SALE IN SIGHT.
Silas Stubble—reckon the prospects up us sellin' the Philadelphians looks mighty slim at present.

Hiram Furrows—Thet's my way ut thinkin' Rockyfeller an' Harman are too sore at us just now to make any bids fer their these islands.—Puck.

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FIRE LOSS \$288,774 CHIEF BELT SAYS

Department Answered 849
Alarms in 1906-07.

Fifty Additional Men Are
Asked—New Apparatus
Bought.

William T. Belt, chief of the fire department, in his annual report, submitted to the Commissioners today, recommends that Congress be asked to provide fifty additional privates. With these additional men, he says, the men can be allowed more time off without weakening the efficiency of the department. During the year 849 alarms were received, of which forty-eight were false, a decrease of fourteen. The decrease in the number of false alarms, it is said, is believed to be due to the passage of an act of Congress increasing the penalty for such offenses and to the severity of the punishment inflicted by the judges in the Police Court. The total estimated loss by fire during the year was \$288,774, covered by an insurance of \$2,000,000. Thirteen fires alone, for which extra alarms were sounded, caused an estimated loss of \$156,552. Deducting this loss from the total there was a loss of only \$232,222 from the other 850 fires. "When it is remembered," says the report, "that the District is constantly growing, and the number of tall buildings constantly increasing, this decrease in the amount of loss by fire cannot help but reflect credit on the Fire Department."

New Apparatus Bought.

The following new apparatus has been purchased by the Fire Department: One fourth-size steam fire engine, and one combination chemical and hose wagon. One wreck and windlass wagon, with tools and appliances. One new propeller wheel for the fireboat. Ten rubber tired wheels. Two two-way slamese wagon turret pipes. One three-way slamese wagon turret pipe. One combination chemical and hose supply wagon.

Theaters and Hotels Watched.

The usual close attention, says the report, was paid to the mercantile houses, hotels, apartments, and theaters. The storage and sale of gasoline, kerosene, and other inflammable oils was closely watched, in order to see that the regulations covering such matters were closely complied with. The department discovered fourteen cases in which the regulations were being violated, in each of which the offending parties were prosecuted in the Police Court and fines imposed.

Since June 30 the following have been appointed: W. I. Baxter, August 5, 1906, \$50 per month; Mrs. A. V. Beall, November 22, 1906, \$40 per month; R. Dickson, April 21, 1907, \$50 per month; J. O'Leary, November 1, 1906, \$50 per month; Mrs. M. E. Shedd, July 1, 1906, \$40 per month; J. A. Utterback, July 1, 1906, \$50 per month; and Mrs. S. A. Young, February 5, 1907, \$40 per month. In conclusion the chief pays a tribute to Capt. J. T. Young, Driver J. J. Sullivan, and Private S. Beall, whose deaths occurred during the year.

OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR SAYS POLITICS DON'T PAY

Gov. Frank Frantz of Oklahoma is no former Rough Rider who has come to the conclusion that office holding doesn't pay. He would like to be governor for another term, he coyly admits that, but as for accepting a marshalship or some other subordinate job, he says he's too poor to think of it and will, as soon as his term expires on November 16, go into the real estate business. "There's no money in holding office," said Governor Frantz this morning as he left the White House after introducing a number of friends to the President. "Before I got in I had an idea that there was something in it. Now I know there isn't."

DOTHERING PA.

"Pop, what is a dithering remark?" "I suppose it is the kind that you say to a person's teeth."—From the Baltimore American.

Carpets and Rugs at the Cost of Manufacture

The great Carpet and Rug Sale now in progress is undoubtedly the most remarkable one we have ever held.

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RUN ON TRUST CO. PRACTICALLY ENDS DEPOSITORS IN LINE ARE FEW, AND OWN ONLY SMALL ACCOUNTS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The number of persons waiting to draw money from the main office of the Lincoln Trust Company this morning was considerably smaller than on any day since the run started. The doors were opened at 10 o'clock, and as it is understood that most of the men in line represented small amounts, it is expected that they will be paid off within a comparatively short time, and that tomorrow business will be running as usual.

Cortelyou and Roosevelt Confer on Giving Aid

The President and Secretary Cortelyou conferred at the White House last night on the best methods to be employed by the Government in rendering further assistance to financial interests in case occasion arises. Secretary Cortelyou returned from New York convinced that there was much needless alarm among the bank depositors, and expressed the hope that persons who have withdrawn their money will realize the absurdity of their apprehension. He contends that the wealth and prosperity of the country are too firmly established to be seriously affected by the causes which resulted in the panic in New York.

Police Reserves Called Out To Keep Foreigners Quiet While They Were in Line

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Police reserves were summoned to the Provisional Institute for Savings (the Bee Hive Bank), at 233 Washington street, at 10:30 o'clock this morning to keep in order a large crowd of excited depositors, mostly foreigners, employed at the Havemeyer refinery. The officers of the institution say that they have plenty of cash and will be able to withstand the run being made by the Polacks and Slavs. There was a crowd at the paying teller's window all day yesterday and today the line extended into the street, men and bareheaded women standing in the rain and nervously clutching their bank books.

Frisco Clearing House to Issue Certificates to Banks

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—The San Francisco clearing house association last night decided to issue clearing house certificates. Local banking conditions are sound and satisfactory.

Portland, Ore., Bankers Ask Holiday of Governor

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 28.—The bankers of this city have united in a request to Governor Chamberlain to call a five days' holiday in order to prevent possible financial complications in this city.

Pittsburg Exchange Still Remains Closed

PITTSBURG, Oct. 28.—The directors of the Pittsburg Stock Exchange today decided to keep the exchange closed. No official statement was given other than the board deemed it best not to open yet.

High Price for Bar Gold In London Will Cause Raise in Discount Rate

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The rise in the discount rate of the imperial bank of Germany makes it almost certain that the Bank of England will advance its rate Thursday. The only restraint upon the action of the directors is the indisposition to add to the embarrassment of

RUSSIA IN PANIC AT ASSASSINATION OF PRISON CHIEF

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 28.—The assassination of General Maximoffsky, director of the department of prisons of the ministry of the interior, who was shot and killed by a young woman, has struck terror in imperial circles, and the usual Russian methods were used to make the assassin name her accomplices.

The prisoner, who steadfastly refused to make any statement, was identified as Mile. Razozinnikova, of Fern province, the daughter of a teacher in the Imperial Conservatory of Music.

When Mile. Razozinnikova was being taken to the police station her agitated attempts to free her hands and reach beneath her waist led to an investigation.

It was found that she carried inside her corset a case containing thirteen pounds of high explosives, a charge powerful enough to blow the entire building and its occupants to pieces.

BEEF STILL UP IN THIS SECTION

Much Heralded Cut in Prices
Has Not Yet Reached
Washington.

Beef is not reduced! Washington, at least, has not felt any visible signs of that terrible calamity, notwithstanding the reports from the West of the slaughter of beef prices.

In Washington, it is said, beef for the last month had been sold at a loss, the market prices which have been prevailing being lower than the price formerly obtained.

The announcement is made that Edward A. Cudahy, head of the Cudahy Packing Company, believes there will be an immediate decline all along the line of products and staple supplies necessary to human life.

As a reason for the decline in beef, Mr. Cudahy says: "General business expansion has been carried too far, and there has got to be a halt. For several days we have been buying cheaper, and we think we are justified by the conditions in selling cheaper. There has already been a reduction in the price of beef, and we believe that meat should be lower than it has been. The packing house at Omaha made a general reduction all along the line."

Beef roasts, which were selling in Omaha for 10 cents, are listed today for 9.

The local market here, however, has remained firm, and as far as the managers of the big packing houses are concerned, the prevailing market price will be the price of beef. They have received no instructions to lower the price.

the American situation or to interpose obstacles to the relief of the New York money market. Nevertheless, the fact that both Paris and local interests bid against the United States for the South Africa gold which came to New York, is an illustration of the keenness of the monetary stringency developing in Europe. The gold secured for New York cost 32 1/2 per ounce, which is 2 1/2 above the price ruling last week, and is the highest price for bar gold since September, 1906, when bar gold sold at 35 1/2.

FIRE IN HOME OF V. MINDELEFF.

Twenty-five dollars' damage by fire was done shortly after 5 o'clock this morning to the home of V. Mindeff, 162 Twenty-ninth street northwest. The blaze was caused by an overheated chimney.

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